

# Athena Society

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## Upcoming Meeting...Party!



- WHEN:** Sunday, December 16  
6 – 8 p.m.
- WHERE:** Home of Mark Sena and **Linda Saul-Sena**  
157 Biscayne Avenue, Davis Island  
Valet parking available
- COST:** Member and one guest – complimentary  
Additional guests - \$25
- RSVP:** By December 12 – Register online or  
email [ewhubbard@aol.com](mailto:ewhubbard@aol.com).

Note from Hospitality Chair **Yvonne Fry**: Athena sisters – now is the time of year we come together to celebrate friends. We're preparing for our annual holiday party at the beautiful Davis Islands home of **Linda Saul-Sena** on Sunday, December 16, 6-8 p.m. Parking is limited so please plan to carpool if possible; valet parking will be available.

Many have already signed up to bring goodies, but we need more of your specialties. We'll send out the signup sheet and appreciate you taking the time to confirm what you're able to prepare or pick up. Many hands make light work and your contribution is truly appreciated! We need more meat, so let us know if you can prepare a tenderloin or other meat.



## President's Message

### Silver Linings

My mother-in-law has a way, at the most inopportune time, to ask us to identify the silver lining in the ill-fated situation *da jour*. The Pollyannaish cliché could really be annoying, particularly when one was caught up in the intensity of the moment. Nanny's prodding became a family exercise of sorts with each of us trying to best one another with humorous, often outlandish, silver linings. They would start with the bad, and be followed by an outrageous "at least" statement and end with a chipper, singsong "silver linings."

Though pedestrian, there is wisdom in this exercise. Several years ago, when my oldest son was in the ICU with myocarditis and I was consumed with stress and emotion, my youngest son quipped, "Well at least Mark can't be drafted now – silver lining." Caught off-guard, I had to laugh at his creativity and his obvious effort to console me.

Silver linings came to mind recently when I fell from the ladder in my misguided effort to paint the trim on the exterior of my house. The surgery to repair the damage I caused was done on November 1, the day of our last luncheon. There were a number of silver linings in this situation, the most obvious being that I didn't break my neck falling off the damn ladder! Another is that the painting got magically finished by a nice contractor my husband hired while I watched Lifetime movies. Still another was the great BIG get well card that showed up on my doorstep signed by my Athena sisters (**Lee Leavengood's** quip, "Sorry you are a fallen woman" was priceless). Thank you.

Related to one's ability to find silver linings is one's ability to be thankful and recognize blessings – like the wisdom of our electorate, who demonstrated great wisdom in their re-election of our own **Kathy Castor**. With the recent election, the new Congress will have an unprecedented 101 women serving, which is still a far cry from proportional representation. The more disturbing pattern, however, is the selection of all white males for the major House committees in the next Congress. Katherine Young provided persuasive data at our October luncheon demonstrating that diversity on corporate boards leads to better outcomes. Our current Congressional leadership should attend our luncheons!





## Holiday Gift Opportunity

As the year closes, please consider making a contribution to one of our signature projects: the Athena Society Women's Education Fund administered through the Community Foundation or the **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program.

A tax-deductible donation to the Education Fund can be made in honor of someone special to you and is the perfect holiday present. (The Community Foundation will notify all recipients of the gift.) Our dollars do make a difference – each spring we award scholarships (**Phyllis Marshall** Career Assistance Grants) to women who need a helping hand to reach their educational goals. Our scholarships support tuition, books, transportation, childcare and other educational costs. Those of you who have attended the meetings at which the scholarships are presented know how meaningful these scholarships are.

We also invite you to consider making a gift to the **Sylvia Richardson** Young Women of Promise program. Athena takes pride each year in recognizing 10 accomplished young women in their junior year of high school. The monetary gift they receive goes toward their higher education goal, whatever it might be. We'll have a basket available for your donations at the December 16 party or you may mail your check to Athena, P.O. Box 10813, Tampa, 33679.

## News About Members

**Jan Platt** was recently selected by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Human Rights Council to receive a 2012 Human Rights Award (Hall of Fame recognition) at their 39th Annual Awards Breakfast. It is scheduled at 7:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 4500 W. Cypress on Friday, December 7. Tickets are \$30 each and may ordered online at [www.THHC.org](http://www.THHC.org).

**Doris Weatherford** has been invited to join the board of Text and Academic Authors, a coalition of 22 organizations specializing in non-fiction; TTA aims to enforce international copyrights.

**Mary Key** has been selected to be part of the Society of International Business Fellows (SIBF), a world-wide organization of business leaders committed to educating and connecting leaders throughout the world to further their professional and personal success. She attended their world summit in Park City, Utah in early October where Colin Powell was one of the speakers.

Former Young Woman of Promise Janet Echelman keeps racking up the honors! She recently was the recipient of the 2012 Women in Design Award of Excellence given by the Boston Society of Architects. Janet, daughter of **Anne Kantor**, is a sculptor who transforms urban spaces worldwide with soaring, building-scale sculptures that fuse with forces of nature: wind, water and light.



## Bonus Update

There's still time to RSVP for the Plant Museum's Victorian Christmas Stroll on Wednesday, December 5. It's a delightful way to launch the holiday season. Cost is \$17 per person; please reserve online.

The next Bonus is very special.....one you'll want to register for early as seats are limited: February 1 - Opening night for MOMologues 2 at the Stageworks Theatre. We'll enjoy wine and cheese at 7 p.m. in the lobby where we'll have an opportunity to meet the playwrights; curtain is at 8 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person and guests are welcome. For those with a season pass it's just \$10 for refreshments.

This riotous sequel to The MOMologues offers a frank and funny look at the elementary school years, from homework hell to multitasking mania. A sassy and irreverent look at the "toughest job you'll ever love," a tribute to women. Stageworks is holding 10 seats for Athena in their new intimate 99-seat theatre in the Channel District. They can accommodate more if we reserve early, so please register as soon as possible.



## Athena Housekeeping

If you're planning to nominate someone for membership, you'll be pleased to note that the form this year has been condensed. Proposers should submit it with the candidate's resume while co-sponsors are asked to submit letters of support by separate email; all should be emailed to **Eleanor Hubbard** by February 11, 2013. The attached form is also available on our website; questions may be directed to Membership VP **Ashley Moody**.

For your convenience in scheduling, please note the following luncheon program topics:

January – Mary Jane Saunders, President of Florida Atlantic University

February – **Betty Castor** and **Doretha Edgecomb** - How I Got Where I Am

March – Community Action Committee program

Athena members are invited to attend the First Annual Monument Unveiling of the Historical Monument Trail on the Riverwalk. Two women are among the six 2012 honorees: African-American hospital founder Clara Frye and Eleanor Chamberlain who led the effort for the right to vote. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. on December 11 at The Tampa Bay History Center; Jack Harris will be emceeding.



## December Birthdays


Birthday wishes to the following members who celebrate in December:

**Jane Castor**  
**Helen Gordon Davis**  
**Susan Dellinger**  
**Katherine Essrig**  
**Elizabeth Howarth**


**Lorraine Lutton**  
**Donna Petersen**  
**Gayla Russell**  
**Marsha Rydberg**

**Wilma Smith**  
**Stella Thayer**  
**Kem Toole**  
**Pam Wolf**

## Calendar



December 16 - Holiday party  
January 3 – Luncheon meeting  
February 1 – Bonus - MOMologues  
February 7 – Luncheon meeting  
March 7 – Luncheon meeting  
April 4 – Luncheon meeting  
May 2 – Luncheon meeting  
June 6 – Dinner meeting



## Program Committee Notes

In previous years we've given our guest speakers a copy of the book, Real Women of Tampa and Hillsborough County, authored by **Doris Weatherford**. The book is now out of print - with only a few copies available on Ebay for \$100 and more. We recently asked **Laura Waller** if she would allow us to print note cards featuring one of her recent works of art so that a set of 10 could be given to each speaker. Laura generously donated the cards of the fabulous image titled NIGHT OF THE BIGGEST MOON (2012).

We also thought it would be nice to offer another item with these cards - a book authored by an Athena member. We could rotate them to offer a different work each time we present a gift. If you are an Athena author who would be interested in donating a book (signed would be nice), please contact **Eleanor Hubbard**.

In addition we'd like to offer the opportunity to other Athena artists who'd be interested in printing note cards of their works to give our guest speakers. The card Laura did for us is 4"x6" with an accompanying envelope. The name of the art, the year it was completed and the artist is listed on the back of the card. If you'd like more information on the finished product, please contact me at 416-4146 or [renee@williamsconsultinggroup.com](mailto:renee@williamsconsultinggroup.com). We thank Laura for sharing her talent and would like to find more ways to showcase the works of our members.

**Renee Vaughn**, Program VP